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2 Hillary Clinton urged U.S. regulators to determine how to bring lower-cost generic drugs to market more swiftly and combat anticompetitive practices in the pharmaceutical industry. Turing Pharmaceuticals drew fire from Clinton last month after news reports that it had raised the price of Daraprim, a 62-year-old treatment for a dangerous parasitic infection, to $750 a tablet from $13.50 after acquiring it. CEO Martin Shkreli promised to lower Daraprim's cost to an unspecified price. REUTERS

RECALL TO BE EXPANDED

3 U.S. regulators signaled they will expand a massive Takata Corp. recall already affecting more than 19 million vehicles in the U.S. Takata's unprecedented recall of potentially deadly air bag inflators will expand beyond the 11 auto manufacturers that have already been identified. REUTERS

PHILIPPINES FLOODING

7 Residents ride on wooden boats to cross a flooded street at Barangay Camanutan, Isabela province, north of Manila on Monday, a day after typhoon Koppu hit Aurora province. Residents of flooded farming villages in the Philippines were trapped on their rooftops and animals floated down fast-rising rivers, as deadly Typhoon Koppu dumped more intense rain.

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4 The number of Americans who believe the U.S. should have stricter laws on firearms sales rose 8 percentage points during the past year, with 55 percent of respondents to a Gallup poll preferring tighter regulations on sales. Some 43 percent of respondents said they had a firearm in their house or property. REUTERS

SEARCH FOR EL FARO

5 U.S. Navy search and rescue vessel left port in Virginia for the Bahamas on Monday afternoon to search for an American cargo ship that sank in a hurricane earlier this month, a Navy spokesman said. The El Faro and its 33 crew members disappeared Oct. 1 after sailing into the path of Hurricane Joaquin while en route from Jacksonville, Florida, to Puerto Rico. The Navy is sending an ocean tug vessel, the Apache, equipped with a "hydrophone" underwater listening device that can detect pulses emitted by the voyage data recorder. REUTERS

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6 Google announced it will offer its Apps for Work suite free to businesses locked into agreements with other office software vendors. Normally, businesses pay $5 a user per month for a basic version of Apps for Work or $10 a user per month for one with more advanced features. REUTERS

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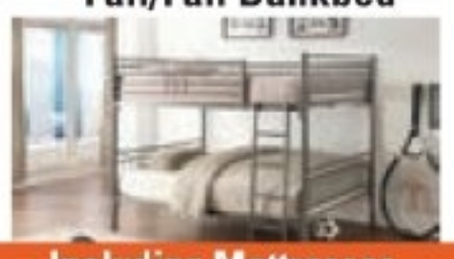

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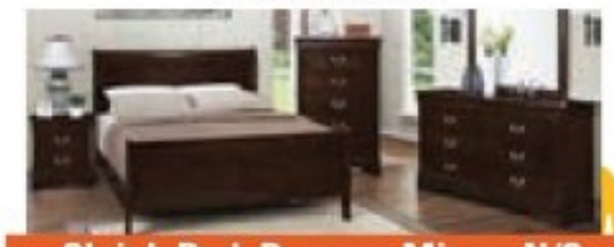

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BRIEF

Germantown serial rapist pleads no contest

An accused sexual predator who targeted teen and preteen girls in Germantown pleaded no contest Monday to charges that he raped four girls, the Philadelphia district attorney said.

Antuane Brown, 25, faces 320 years in prison for the attacks, all of which occurred within five blocks of his home on the 1100 block of East Price Street.

Antuane Brown PROVIDED

The victims, ages 12 to 17, told a similar story. Between March and June of 2013, a masked man approached them while brandishing a handgun.

They were dragged to a secluded spot where they were raped and sodomized.

In most cases, the attacker threatened to kill them if they screamed or called the police.

One of the abductions was caught by a surveillance camera. Police say tips came pouring in after it was distributed.

Prosecutors say DNA evidence recovered from rape kits and the victim's clothing matched Brown's.

Brown approached his victims while wearing a mask and carrying a gun.

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MontCo DA took in $1.2M in forfeiture

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The ACLU says the practice mostly affects African-Americans.

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The ACLU said in a report that when police take cash and property it believes is related to crime in Montgomery County, it disproportionately affects African Americans.

The property is seized through a process known as civil asset forfeiture that was originally meant to target proceeds of crime. But the process has come under increasing criticism by civil rights advocates because such civil asset forfeitures don't require that a person whose property was seized be convicted of a crime.

According to the ACLU, 53 percent of property owners facing forfeiture are African-American, though African-Americans make up only 9 percent of Montgomery County's population. And the amounts seized often are so small, it isn't worth the time to challenge it.

"There was a petition for $1," said the ACLU's Molly Tack-Hooper. "For the vast majority of cases, we're talking about small amounts of cash, not cars, not houses. It's hard to imagine someone finding $1 and saying it's connected to crime."

Prosecutors across the state have come under increasing fire over civil asset forfeitures after Philadelphia City Paper in 2012 found that police in Philadelphia seized $6 million through civil forfeiture laws

In a June 2015 report on Philadelphia's forfeiture program, the ACLU found that the vast majority of civil forfeiture actions were for less than $200.

The report on Montgomery County was designed to show that "the problems in Philadelphia aren't specific to Philadelphia. They are a product of a broken statewide law," Tack-Hooper said.

Prosecutors in Montgomery County seized $1.2 million in 2012, about 7 percent of the district attorney's budget.

Civil rights advocates say in addition to forfeitures rarely being challenged, when they are, the deck is stacked against defendants, who often can see their cash taken without being arrested or charged with a crime.

In the instances when defendants go to court to get their money back, prosecutors need only prove there is a "preponderance of evidence" that the cash is related to crime.

That standard roughly equates to more likely than not.

Tack-Hooper is scheduled to testify Tuesday before the Pennsylvania Senate Judiciary Committee on proposed reforms to the law.

The Montgomery County district attorney's office did not return calls for comment.

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Scene of the collapse FILE PHOTO

Contractor guilty, but not of murder

Griffin Campbell was convicted of involuntary manslaughter.

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The jury foreman's first reading of "not guilty" in response to a third-degree murder charge against contractor Griffin Campbell shocked family members of six victims of a 2013 building collapse in Center City.

But the jury found Campbell guilty on six counts of involuntary manslaughter, and the tension evaporated as family members of victims — Anne Bryan, Mary Simpson, Roseline Conteh, Kimberly Finnegan, Borbor Davis and Juanita Harmin — and Campbell wept in the courtroom.

Campbell, 51, could face decades in prison, but the charges he was convicted of do not carry mandatory minimums.

Campbell was the contractor overseeing demolition at a building site at 22nd and Market streets when a three-story wall that was looming over a one-story Salvation Army thrift store toppled over, killing six people inside and wounding 13 others.

"It was always an avoidable accident," said Bill Hobson, Campbell's defense lawyer. "There are no winners in this case."

Hobson had argued at trial that Campbell was a small-time contractor with little experience in demolitions following directions of architect Plato Marinakos, who was hired by site owner Richard Basciano of STB Investments Corp.

Griffin Campbell PROVIDED

"Richard Basciano will pay a price. He will be held in judgment by a higher court," Hobson said.

Temple University law professor Jules Epstein said the standard of evidence to convict on third-degree murder charges is very high.

"Everyone agrees this guy wasn't looking to kill anybody that day. The jury had to decide, since the deaths were unintentional, the degree of recklessness the behavior showed," Epstein said.

"The legal test for third degree murder is not merely that someone is reckless but that the person 'consciously disregard[s] an unjustified and extremely high risk that his actions might cause death or serious bodily harm.' The jury may have thought it was close to that, but not quite there."

"I feel like there was justice today."
Aiah Boya, husband of victim Roseline Conteh

Attorneys for family members of victims said after the sentencing that more people will be held accountable for the collapse in pending civil suits.

"That jury only heard about Griffin Campbell's fault, they did not hear about the fault of STB, Plato, other people who were involved in this," said Robert Mongeluzzi, who is representing the families of Anne Bryant and Juanita Harmin.

"When it switched from hand demolition to mechanical demolition on June 2, it was in imminent danger ... [and] STB or their representatives were there every single day."

Nancy Winkler and Jay Bryant, the parents of Anne, released a statement on the verdict.

"This criminal trial focused on the responsibility of just one person, Griffin Campbell," the statement said. "For the rest of our lives we have to live without our daughter Anne. So we will not stop fighting for justice in her name — and for all the victims — and that means holding everyone responsible fully accountable.'

Equipment operator Sean Benschop, 44, pleaded guilty in July to six counts of involuntary manslaughter and other charges. Prosecutors said they would seek a prison sentence not to exceed 10 to 20 years for Benschop.

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Riders use the new SEPTA Key system at the Walnut Street stop on the Broad Street Line. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

The executive behind SEPTA's push for a new fare system said by 2016 riders should be able to use their transit cards as debit cards, and they may be able to use their debit cards to pay for rides on buses, trolleys and the subway.

Kevin O'Brien, project manager for SEPTA Key, said Monday the new fare system will be rolled out for riders on city buses, trolleys and subway lines by the end of the year, with features being introduced over the next several months. The system should go on line for regional rail riders in 2016.

SEPTA announced it would implement the new fare payment system back in 2011, hoping it would be ready in 2013.

But in recent months, riders have finally seen signs the project is moving forward.

The first big change customers will see? Those payment kiosks that have been popping up at SEPTA stations will be turned on, O'Brien said. Then the transit agency will begin phasing out tokens.

Riders will also have the ability to register cards, meaning cards can be replaced if they are lost or stolen. That's because the key cards aren't like regular transit cards. They are more like prepaid debit cards in that they are tied to an account that has value behind it — they even have the MasterCard logo on them.

The cards will be linked to accounts in which users can store as much as $10,000, or $1,000 for an anonymous card.

At the same time, they'll function like transit cards in that customers can buy a weekly or monthly pass.

"It's a transit card with benefits," O'Brien said.

Customers who have stockpiled tokens as a defense against rising fares will be able to put tokens in one of the payment kiosks to add the value to the card.

The big change — the ability to treat the transit card like a debit card — won't be rolled out until June, O'Brien said. Not all bank cards will be able to be used at turnstiles; only the ones containing RFID chips.

Features that would allow riders to use transit cards at the grocery store were designed to help people who do not have bank accounts access the financial system.

But that comes with costs, similar to prepaid debit cards, which have been criticized for high fees. A SEPTA Key card will cost about $4.95, and there may be a monthly fee associated with it.

The fees would be waived, O'Brien said, for customers who use their cards a certain number of times.

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Pistorius freed on parole after a year for killing girlfriend

Pistorius will be confined to his Uncle Arnold's home in a wealthy suburb of Pretoria, South Africa.

Oscar Pistorius GETTY IMAGES

Oscar Pistorius, South Africa's "Blade Runner," will be released on parole on Tuesday, a day short of a year into his five-year sentence for killing his girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp.

But the disgraced Paralympic gold medalist must serve the rest of his sentence under house arrest, and still has to face an appeal by prosecutors who argue that he should have been convicted of murder rather than culpable homicide.

The athlete, whose lower legs were amputated when he was a baby, will be freed in line with South African sentencing guidelines that say non-dangerous prisoners should spend only one-sixth of a custodial sentence behind bars.

The department of correctional services said Pistorius' parole conditions include that the gun enthusiast must undergo psychotherapy and is not allowed to possess a gun.

Africa's most advanced economy has one of the world's highest rates of violent crime.

"He might not have been found guilty of murder, but it was yet another instance of a South African woman killed by an intimate partner, and I don't believe the time he spent in prison reflects the severity either of his crime or the epidemic of violence against women," said Louise Ferreira, a feminist.

Steenkamp's family have said they are unhappy with Pistorius's sentence and questioned the verdict in public in August.

Tania Koen, a lawyer for the Steenkamp family which has opposed early parole, told state broadcaster SABC last week: "Nothing is changed in their lives. Reeva is not coming back."

Prosecutors argue the verdict should be one of murder because Pistorius must have known that the person behind the door could be killed. The appeal is due to be heard on Nov. 3. REUTERS

Oprah makes big gain with Weight Watchers

Oprah Winfrey will buy a 10 percent stake in Weight Watchers International Inc, adding her celebrity and consumer appeal to a diet brand that has been shedding subscribers.

Winfrey's $43.2 million investment doubled Weight Watchers' sagging share price, with more than 57 million shares changing hands on U.S. exchanges, the busiest trading day in the company's history.

Weight Watchers has suffered from a shift in what U.S. consumers consider to be healthy, with shoppers increasingly moving toward natural foods and away from diet products. Winfrey's frankness about her personal struggles with weight loss may help revive the brand, but analysts said her influence with young people was uncertain.

The former talk-show queen will join Weight Watchers' board and work to broaden the company's reach by participating in its weight-loss program. She will document her experience and appear in Weight Watchers marketing, following previous endorsements by Jennifer Hudson and Jessica Simpson.

"Weight Watchers has given me the tools to begin to make the lasting shift that I and so many of us who are struggling with weight have longed for," Winfrey said.

Winfrey, 61, was regarded as America's most influential celebrity for years thanks to her daily talk show, magazine, book club and production company Harpo. REUTERS

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US appeals court upholds core of NY and Conn. gun laws

The two Northeast states' gun control measures are among the strictest in the nation.

A gunman killed 26 children and staff at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Ct., in December 2012. GETTY IMAGES

A federal appeals court on Monday upheld parts of New York and Connecticut gun control laws banning semiautomatic assault rifles and large-capacity magazines, ruling the measures passed after a 2012 school massacre did not violate the Constitution.

The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New York upheld the bans on semiautomatic weapons and large-capacity magazines, but struck down a New York provision barring gun owners from loading more than seven bullets in a clip and a Connecticut prohibition on the non-semiautomatic Remington 7615.

The Newtown shooting revived a national debate on gun control. At the time, President Barack Obama launched an aggressive gun control push but his efforts largely failed in Congress.

The appeals court, in upholding the provisions, ruled against coalitions that included firearms dealers, sports shooters and gun owners who claimed the mandates infringed on their constitutional right to possess firearms.

"The core prohibitions by New York and Connecticut of assault weapons and large-capacity magazines do not violate the Second Amendment."

The court in a decision written by Circuit Judge Jose Cabranes.

Legal experts said the ruling would have more of a symbolic than practical effect.

"All this says is that if you pass such a law, it will be constitutional," said James Jacobs, who teaches at New York University School of Law.

"The states with the strongest gun control politics have already banned them. I don't see other states running to do it because it's constitutional," Jacobs said.

Timothy Lytton, who teaches at Georgia State University College of Law and authored "Suing the Gun Industry," said it was doubtful the ruling alone would sway Congress or individual states.

"Court opinions like this are not likely to move legislatures," he said. "The federal government has been at a stalemate over gun control legislation for well over a decade. If Sandy Hook could not move Congress to action, nothing is likely to," he added. REUTERS

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BRIEF

U.S. probing reports CIA chief's personal email hacked: CNN

The FBI and the Secret Service are investigating reports that CIA Director John Brennan's (shown) personal email had been hacked, although no classified information had been accessed, CNN said.

The New York Post reported on Monday that a high school student claimed to have hacked into Brennan's private AOL account and the Comcast account of Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson.

The hacker told the Post Brennan's private account contained sensitive files including his 47-page application for top-secret security clearance. The CIA does not believe any classified information was compromised.

The teenager said he accessed Johnson's account and also listened to his voicemails, the newspaper reported. According to the Post, the hacker described himself as an American high school student who is not Muslim and was motivated by opposition to U.S. foreign policy and support for Palestine.

REUTERS

9/11 suspect seeks to represent himself in Guantanamo hearing

A pre-trial hearing for five Guantanamo Bay 9/11 suspects stalled on Monday when one of them asked how to represent himself in the death penalty case.

Walid bin Attash, a Yemeni accused of running an al Qaeda camp in Afghanistan, told his attorneys he no longer trusted them and asked the court how he might represent himself.

"We have so many problems in the camp that take precedence over anything we are discussing here in the court," bin Attash said through an interpreter before the judge, Army Colonel James Pohl, silenced him due to security concerns.

After speaking to him in private, bin Attash's lawyer, Cheryl Bormann, said: "He feels like he has no relief from the torture and that everything is orchestrated by the United States government here."

Walid Bin Attash, JANET HAMLIN/POOL

Pohl is awaiting more information from government attorneys before ruling on bin Attash's request. Proceedings are scheduled to resume on Tuesday.

Bormann has complained about violations of attorney-client privilege at the prison in Cuba. She has cited bugged meeting rooms and an episode when guards seized legal documents from bin Attash's cell.

Almost 3,000 people were killed when hijackers slammed airliners into New York's World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a Pennsylvania field on Sept. 11, 2001.

Pre-trial hearings for bin Attash and his accused co-conspirators have been derailed since last year, when defense lawyers learned the FBI was monitoring them.

Jim Harrington, an attorney for suspect Ramzi Bin al Shibh, revealed in April 2014 that the FBI had questioned a member of his defense team. Court proceedings were postponed pending an investigation.

The results of the investigation were slated to be discussed on Monday, including whether Harrington will continue to represent Bin al Shibh.

Navy Commander Gary Ross, a spokesman for the military tribunals, said in an emailed statement that a judge weighing a self-representation request had to evaluate whether the defendant knew of what it entailed and to be sure the suspect was aware of its consequences.

Pohl "also directed that the defense counsel for Walid bin Attash needs to explain these aspects to her client before the session tomorrow," the statement said. REUTERS

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Obama says Paris climate pledge good for US business

Obama said 81 companies have backed a U.S.-sponsored pledge supporting action to combat climate change, supporting the U.S. stance in the Paris talks.

Solar panels cover the roof of a Sam's Club store in Glendora, California. GETTY IMAGES

President Barack Obama on Monday argued that his push for an international climate deal next month in Paris was good for U.S. businesses, meeting with a group of chief executives to underscore his point.

Republicans have said that Obama's move to cut carbon emissions from power plants — key to the U.S. pledge for United Nations climate negotiations in Paris — would hurt U.S. businesses and jobs. But Obama said that was not the case.

"The perception is that this is an environmental issue, it's for tree-huggers, and that hard-headed business people either don't care about it or see it as a conflict with their bottom lines," Obama told reporters after the meeting.

"I just want everybody to understand that American businesses want this to happen as well," he said.

Obama name-checked WalMart Stores Inc. for installing solar capacity, Intel, which has invested in energy and water conservation programs, and Google, Apple and Costco for their purchases of renewable energy, among others.

More corporations are expected to sign the pledge before the Paris conference begins on Nov. 30, senior adviser to the president Brian Deese told a call with reporters.

The pledge's signatories announced on Monday span the spectrum of major American corporations, and also include Bank of America, Best Buy, Coca-Cola, and General Motors.

The White House said it also expects a consortium of major investors to announce on Monday $1.2 billion in investment capital for companies and projects that can "produce impactful and profitable solutions to climate change." The initial group of investors includes the University of California, TIAA-Cref and the Alaska Permanent Fund, according to the White House. REUTERS

Requests for Secret Service protection by GOP candidates are being reviewed

The U.S. Secret Service is reviewing requests for protection from Republican presidential candidates Donald Trump and Ben Carson, the Department of Homeland Security said on Monday.

The homeland security secretary authorizes protection after consulting with congressional leaders.

The requests, if approved, would activate 24-hour protection from the two candidates, involving 260 agents, Fox News reported on Monday, citing unidentified sources.

Newsmax first reported over the weekend that the Secret Service would provide protection to Carson and Trump and also heavily upgrade Democrat Hillary Clinton's detail.

It said the Secret Service offered protection to Carson after an increasing number of threats and evidence that homegrown militants might be targeting a political candidate. REUTERS

"The Department of Homeland Security has now received official requests for Secret Service protection from both the Carson and Trump campaigns."

Spokesman SY Lee

Secret Service keeps watch next to a bus. GETTY IMAGES

BRIEF

Maryland police officer accused of biting testicles has left department

An off-duty Maryland police officer charged with biting a man's testicles during a fight is no longer working for the department, a spokeswoman said on Monday.

Police officer Michael Flaig, 31, of Anne Arundel County, left the department for unspecified reasons on Sept. 25, spokeswoman Jacklyn Davis said, adding that it was a personnel issue.

Flaig was arrested on May 5 after he allegedly bit a man on his testicles during a fight outside a Baltimore bar, according to court records. Flaig said the victim made unwanted advances on his female roommate.

Michael Flaig
BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT/HANDOUT

Flaig was charged with misdemeanor second-degree assault, public intoxication and endangering the victim's safety, according to police.

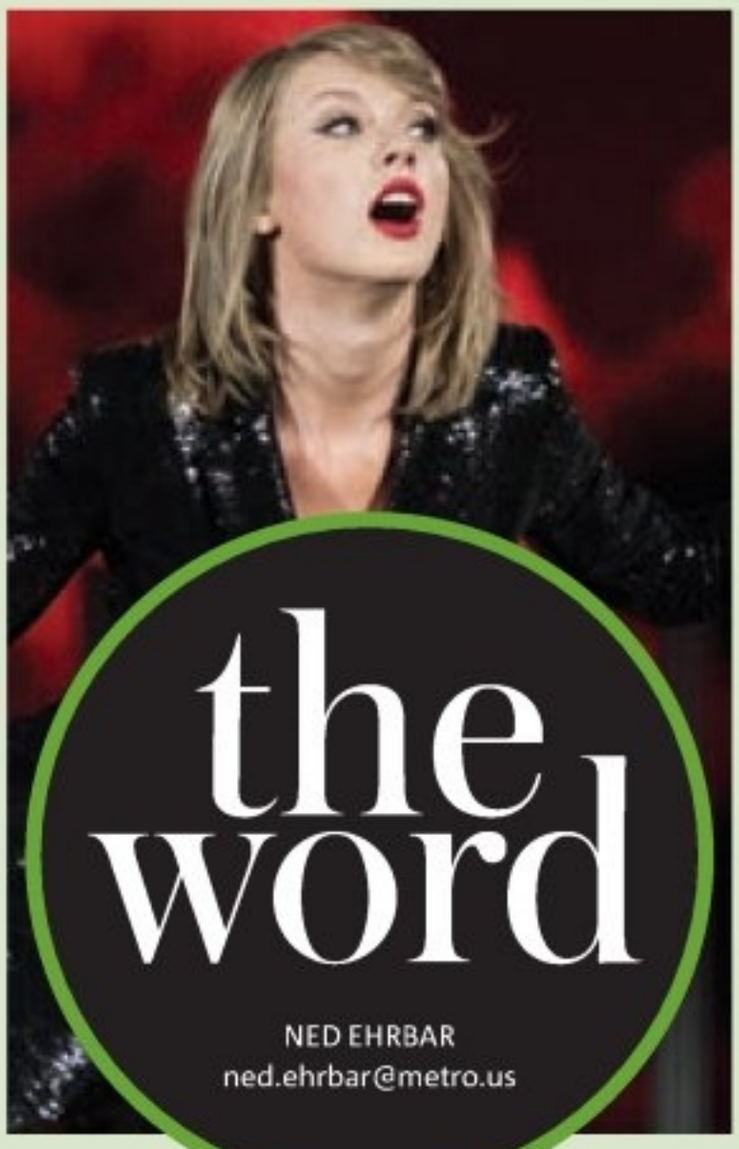
He is serving one year of probation after being convicted of public intoxication and endangering the safety of another person. REUTERS

Swift: 'Bad Blood' isn't about Katy Perry

You know how Taylor Swift said "Bad Blood" was about a female pop star with whom she was "straight-up enemies" and everyone figured out pretty quickly that she was talking about Katy Perry? Well, don't listen to her — at least according to … Taylor Swift, who is now insisting to GQ that the track is actually about an ex-boyfriend. Of course, why would we doubt you?

"You're in a Rolling Stone interview, and the writer says, 'Who is that song about? That sounds like a really intense moment from your life.' And you sit there, and you know you're on good terms with your ex-boyfriend, and you don't want him — or his family to think you're firing shots at him," Swift explains. "So you say, 'That was about losing a friend.' And that's basically all you say. But then people cryptically tweet about what you meant. I never said anything that would point a finger in the specific direction of one specific person, and I can sleep at night knowing that. I knew the song would be assigned to a person, and the easiest mark was someone who I didn't want to be labeled with this song."

Huh. So: totally misdirecting us with the Katy Perry stuff. Oh well. Oh, and real subtle with the word choice there, Ms. Swift. I almost missed the one specific direction you wanted our imaginations to go in. That's some impressive Styles.



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Anthony Mackie backs Donald Trump

Oh, Anthony Mackie. Just … why? The "Captain America: Winter Soldier" star is out promoting his film, "Our Brand Is Crisis," about spin doctors managing political campaigns, so naturally he's getting questions about which presidential candidate he'd most like to work with — and his answer is not so good: "I would 100 percent want to run Trump's campaign. 100 percent," he tells BET. "I mean, first that'll be the best party ever when he won, and second, Trump's an easy sell. When you look at Trump, he's an easy sell because you can sell him as the guy who worked his way up from nothing. And I think if you're a 'pull yourself up by your bootstraps' candidate, people would identify with that." Which would be fine and all if Trump had actually worked his way up from nothing, but oh well.

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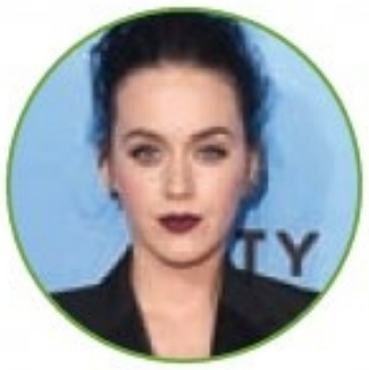

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Eddie Murphy's Bill Cosby about-face

Remember back in February when Eddie Murphy refused to do a Bill Cosby impression during the "SNL" 40th anniversary special? In case you don't, here's what he told the Washington Post about it: "It's horrible. There's nothing funny about it. If you get up there and you crack jokes about him, you're just hurting people. You're hurting him. You're hurting his accusers." Apparently, though, Murphy has had a change of heart — or he was just saving it for his own gig. Murphy was honored with the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor and celebrated by doing his first standup set in 28 years — including an impression of Cosby. "You may have heard recently that I allegedly put the pill in the people's stomach," Murphy said, doing a spot-on Cosby. "If I ever see or meet this Hannibal Buress in person I am going to try and kill this man!" So what changed?

Selena Gomez gets better taste in men

As she's made perfectly clear during interview after interview, Selena Gomez has moved on from her youthful romance with Justin Bieber. She's just grown up — and, as it turns out, so have her tastes in men. "I kind of have a crush on Chris Evans," Gomez tells Andy Cohen during an interview. "Isn't he cute?" Yes, Ms. Gomez. The man who plays Captain America is objectively cute. "This is the first time" she's ever admitted the crush publicly. "He's either going to hate me or love [me]."

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John Stamos is a total GILF

The actor has some other ideas for what to call "Grandfathered."

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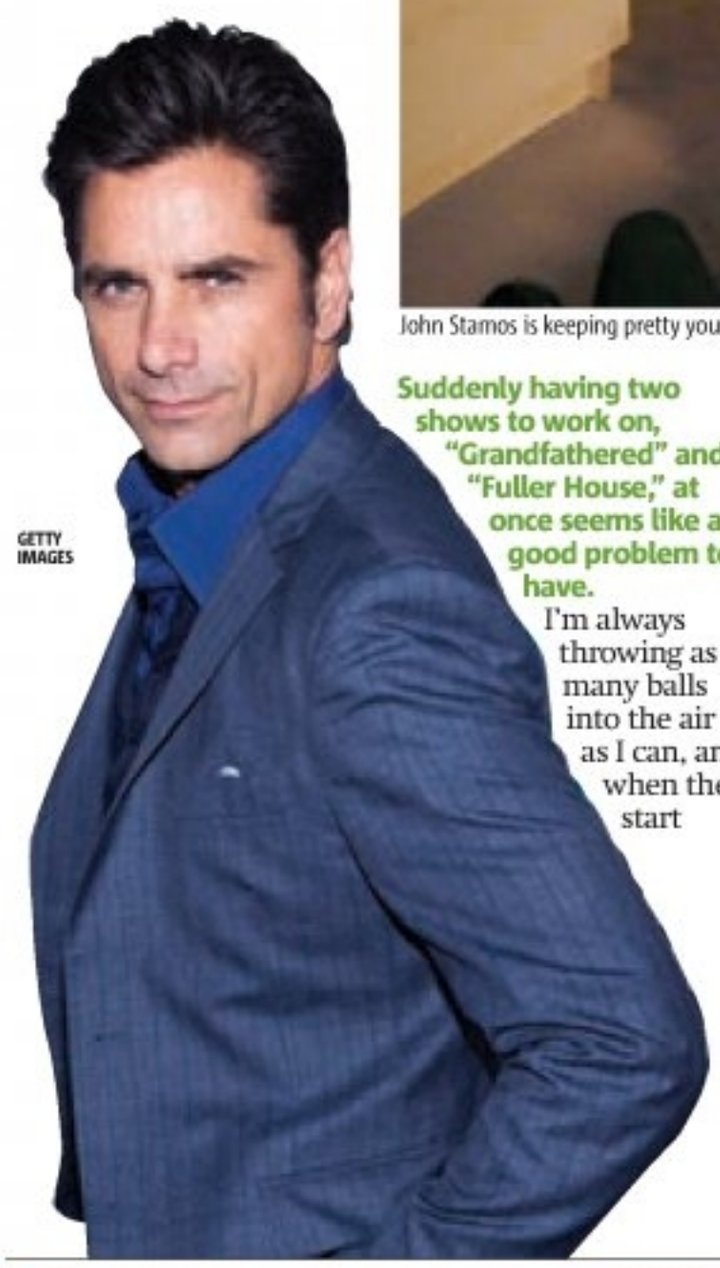
John Stamos is thrilled to be back in the sitcom world with "Grandfathered," but he's making no secret about the fact that he's not a fan of the title. But his positive outlook won't let him dwell on that too much.

John Stamos is keeping pretty young company these days on "Grandfathered," which airs Tuesdays at 8 p.m. on Fox. FOX TELEVISION



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Suddenly having two shows to work on, "Grandfathered" and "Fuller House," at once seems like a good problem to have.

I'm always throwing as many balls into the air as I can, and when they start to work, they work. But yeah, I guess that's what's happening. But I've been waiting for it for a long time, so I'm really digging in and really giving it my all. I have so much happy, pure, good energy right now with the people around me and in my heart. You know, I was fuzzy for a few years, and now I'm clear. I can feel it.

What was it that made things less fuzzy?

I went through some personal issues [Stamos was arrested for a DUI in June before heading to rehab] and I just came out of it more grateful and just equipped to dig in deeper and work harder and be more present. The past, I realized, can be really sometimes sad and dark, and the future gives me anxiety. So I just deal with today. And here we are with this show and I'm happy about it.

Is it fun having people remark on you being too young to be a grandfather?

To be honest with you, it's flattering, but I don't really know what the answer is. I think [the title is] a clever hook for the show just in thinking about marketing. Because we had about 50 other titles I preferred other than "Grandfathered," but it was 'What's the twist, what's the catch?'

What were some of those title ideas?

"John Stamos is a Sexy Dude in his 50s," you know. Mainly just that one. (Laughs.) No, there was "Coming of Age," and at one point we were going to call it "The G-Spot." They wanted to call it "GILF." We went through a bunch of stuff. I remember when they settled on "Grandfathered." I mean, I get it, but the show to me is so much more than me being a grandfather.

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Are you tired of questions about the Olsen twins?

No, I get it. It's funny because of the age and all that. I get why people ask these questions. It makes sense — I would probably ask the question, too. But I don't have any good answers for them, you know? The Olsen twins thing is funny because people are like, "Oh! You're working with babies again!" That was 25 years ago. It's not like it's too soon. But it's working.

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Bad teacher

Olivia Wilde sells tragedy and remorse in "Meadowland."

Olivia Wilde struggles in "Meadowland." CINEDIGM ENTERTAINMENT

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With "Meadowland," Olivia Wilde pulls double duty as both lead actress — playing opposite Luke Wilson as parents facing the fallout of unimaginable loss — and producer. Wilde worked closely with cinematographer-turned-director Reed Moreno on bringing the indie drama to life.

How do you psyche yourself up for taking on a role that's so raw and unpleasant?

I had quite a long time to prepare because there was a long, challenging process of putting this film together that allowed me to work on the character of Sarah for more than a year. That was a gift because by the time we got to set I was prepared to dive right into the depths of her experience. I was just warmed up, which is something that you don't usually have the chance to do as an actor. Casting can happen quite quickly, productions move very fast and we don't always have a lot of time to prepare. But in this one I was warmed up and ready.

Have you ever had that much prep time before?

No, never. I think the role of producer on this film also allowed my performance to reach another level because I felt a responsibility to this character and to this production. It's a lot of pressure but also it's a kind of shove into your greatest work because you know that you're lucky to have a day of production. After you produce something you understand how difficult it is to put something together. It's a miracle that any movie gets made.

Sarah is a teacher, a job where you're expected to have your s— together.

Sarah is a terrible teacher. That's a choice we made, that Sarah would not be a great teacher because she's not able to connect. She's hollow.

Do you think she was a good teacher before?

I don't think she was ever a great teacher. I don't think she ever wanted to be a teacher. She's not going to last long in that job. I don't think she goes back after the film ends.

You've now got some direct experience in making indie film. What does it take now to actually get something made?

Wilde
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I think what needs to happen is more independent financing companies need to be started by people who are really excited to champion new filmmakers and who enjoy facilitating those projects without necessarily wanting them to fit any sort of template that they've seen before that has been successful. I think the most interesting work is made by people who aren't trying to copy anything that's been made before. We need more financiers that are interested in that, in supporting filmmakers in whatever they want to do. It's a risky investment, but it's incredibly important to society, I would argue. So that's what needs to happen for independent film. It's all about financiers taking risks and allowing filmmakers to have the power.

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Wasikowska: Not just a damsel in distress

The actress says her "Crimson Peak" horror master never forgets about the characters.

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Mia Wasikowska gets seduced by a dodgy (but handsome) Tom Hiddleston in Guillermo del Toro's gothic romantic horror "Crimson Peak," in theaters now. KERRY HAYES

To "Crimson Peak" actress Mia Wasikowska, Guillermo del Toro, the film's director, isn't your typical crafter of big-budget fantasias.

"Visionaries don't always care about the emotional side of things," the actress says. "What makes him powerful and resonate with people is that he never sacrifices the emotional drive of the story for the frights."

In "Peak," Wasikowska plays Edith, an aspiring writer in the 19th century who winds up interred in a massive, awe-inspiring house haunted by both ghosts and dastardly siblings (Tom Hiddleston and Jessica Chastain).

Though the sets are big and the effects sharp, Wasikowska noted that del Toro never forgets about his actors. "Sometimes when it's highly planned in a visual way it locks you into a certain thing that might not feel right. They want to achieve so much visually that you have to try hard to make that feel natural. That's fine, that's your job. Guillermo, though, always follows you emotionally."

Edith, it should be noted, has more going on than the usual gothic female lead. Usually they're repressed (Deborah Kerr in "The Innocents") or repressed and troubled (Julie Harris in "The Haunting"). Edith does a fair amount of fretting. But she's also a proto-feminist in a particularly patriarchal era, and she even gets to have a sex life without being punished for it.

"She has a strong sense of self, especially at the beginning. She's feminist enough, even for our times," Wasikowska says. But she's also flawed and not just one-dimensionally strong. "She's a little idealistic — and also naive."

Still, a good deal of Wasikowska's job involved being by herself, skulking about the massive set and looking freaked out. Wasikowska has done her share of big-budget, F/X-heavy fare, including Tim Burton's "Alice in Wonderland." This means acting with things that will only be added later. But a lot of "Crimson Peak" was tactile.

"The sets were real, the ghosts were played by two actors who got six hours of makeup done," she recalls. Still, there's always the challenge of trying to fake fright. "Being scared is not something you can re-create when they're not there. You have to physically remember how it feels. You have to remember what it does to your body. A lot of hunched shoulders and breathing — that seems unnatural."

Keeping it real

In "Crimson Peak," Wasikowska got to mix things up between real sets and effects that would come in later. Still, perhaps she sometimes wished she had some CGI to save her when she made an earlier film, "Tracks." In it she played someone crossing the Australian Outback. But she was out there for real. "It saps your energy standing in the sun like that for five hours," she remembers. "You're already like, 'Ugh.'"

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Dating tips from OkCupid's most popular girl

OkCupid's most-messaged girl talks about becoming the most popular single girl in New York, and shares her tips for getting your profile noticed.

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When 25-year-old Lauren Urasek created her OkCupid profile last year, she really didn't think too hard about it. But in a matter of months, she became the dating site's most messaged female and getting more than 15,000 four- or five-star ratings in just a few months. As you can imagine, she's been on a lot of dates, many of which she spills about in her new book, "Popular." Here, Urasek tells us how to get your profile more views, and once the messages are rolling in, how to have a successful dating life without burning out.

Lauren Urasek gets an average of 35 messages a day on OkCupid. PROVIDED

1 Limit the amount of dates you go on

Even at her most active, Urasek says she was only going on two dates a week — max. She has a reason as to why single guys and girls shouldn't overschedule themselves with dates.

"When you're going out with multiple people, you end up not spending enough time with one person and getting to know him or her better because after your date, you're already thinking about the next person you're going to go out with," she says. "Scheduling more dates becomes a pattern." Her advice: Scale it down and give each person a valid shot before setting up a date with someone new.

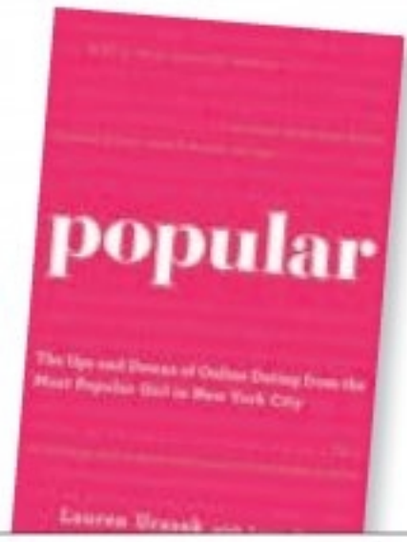
2 Make the dates convenient for you

Urasek says when she first started online dating, she would go out of her way to meet her dates at a place that was easy for him, or somewhere in the middle. Not anymore.

"The best first date spot for me is a bar close to my apartment. It's not really about the place. It's about how convenient it is for you in case they suck," she says. No matter how great someone seems online, the first date is always a wild card. Make it easy on yourself.

3 Keep yourself busy with other things

One of the most draining parts of dating is having the same conversation over and over again. Where are you from? What do you do? Urasek says the way around this is by having enough going on in your life that you have other things to talk about. Also — bonus — you don't care as much about your dates. "When you're happy being by yourself and keeping



Urasek's tips on giving your profile a boost.

Focus on the photos. "A lot of it is just about having a good variety of clear, current pictures that are a variety of shots of your face and also full-length shots," she says.

Show your weird side. "My profile was so random. I said I liked down comforters and swimming in the ocean," Urasek says. "Don't say you're outgoing or like to travel because the last five people just wrote that."

Don't be afraid to message first. If you're a woman, there can still be an urge to hold back messaging a guy, wanting him to pursue you instead. Urasek says: Get over it. "A lot of guys now don't want to be seen as a creep," she says. "Also, just like anyone else, some guys are intimidated and don't want to be rejected. Whenever I've asked guys out, they always say they love it."

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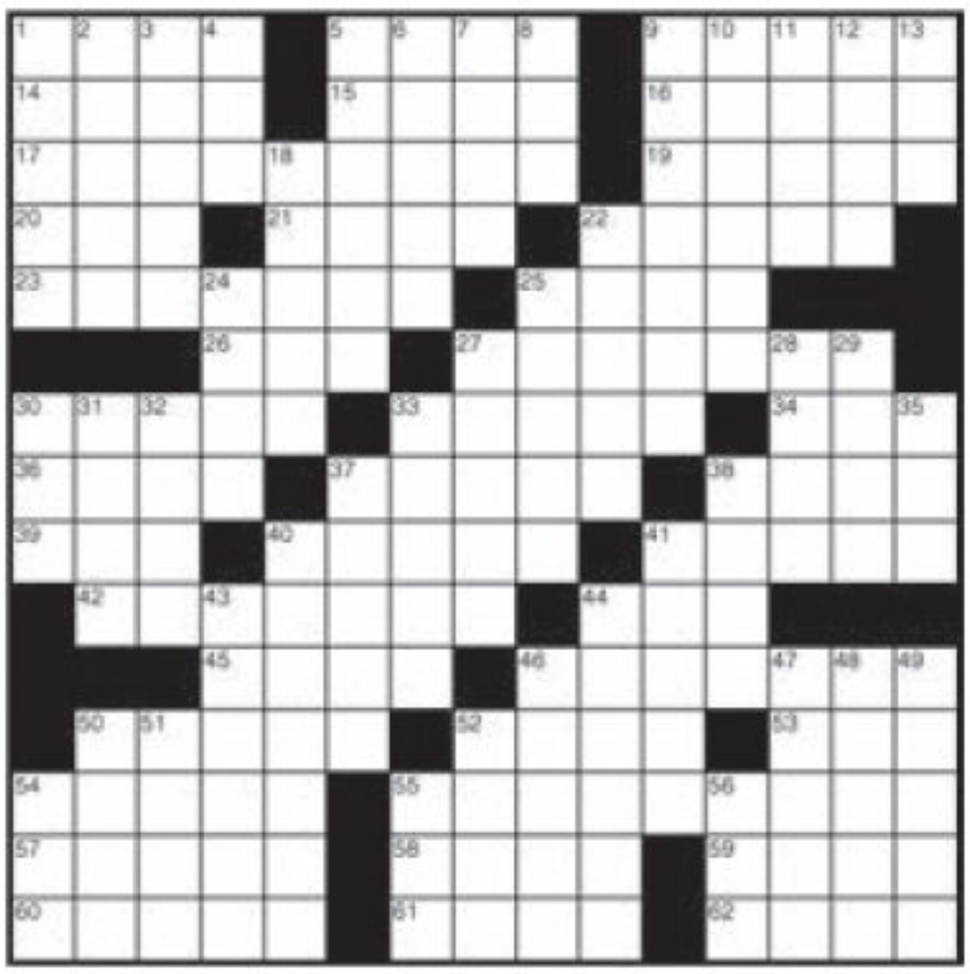

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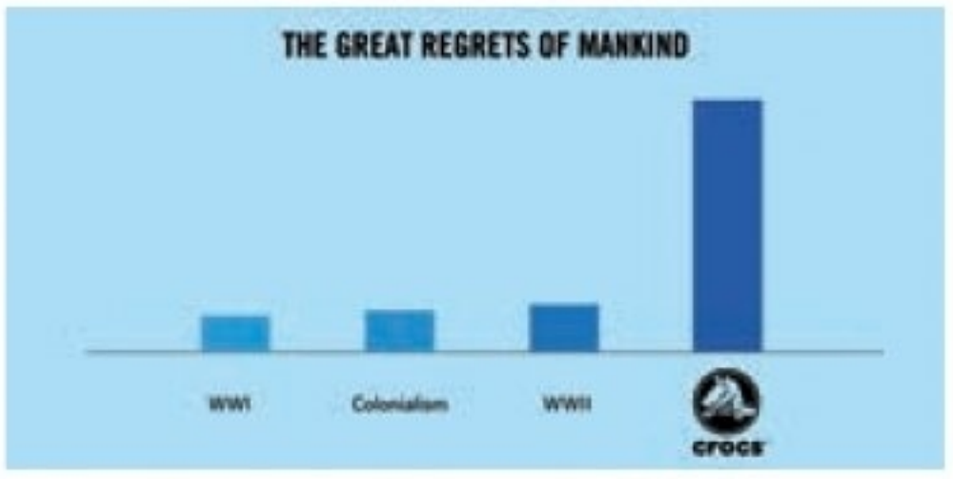

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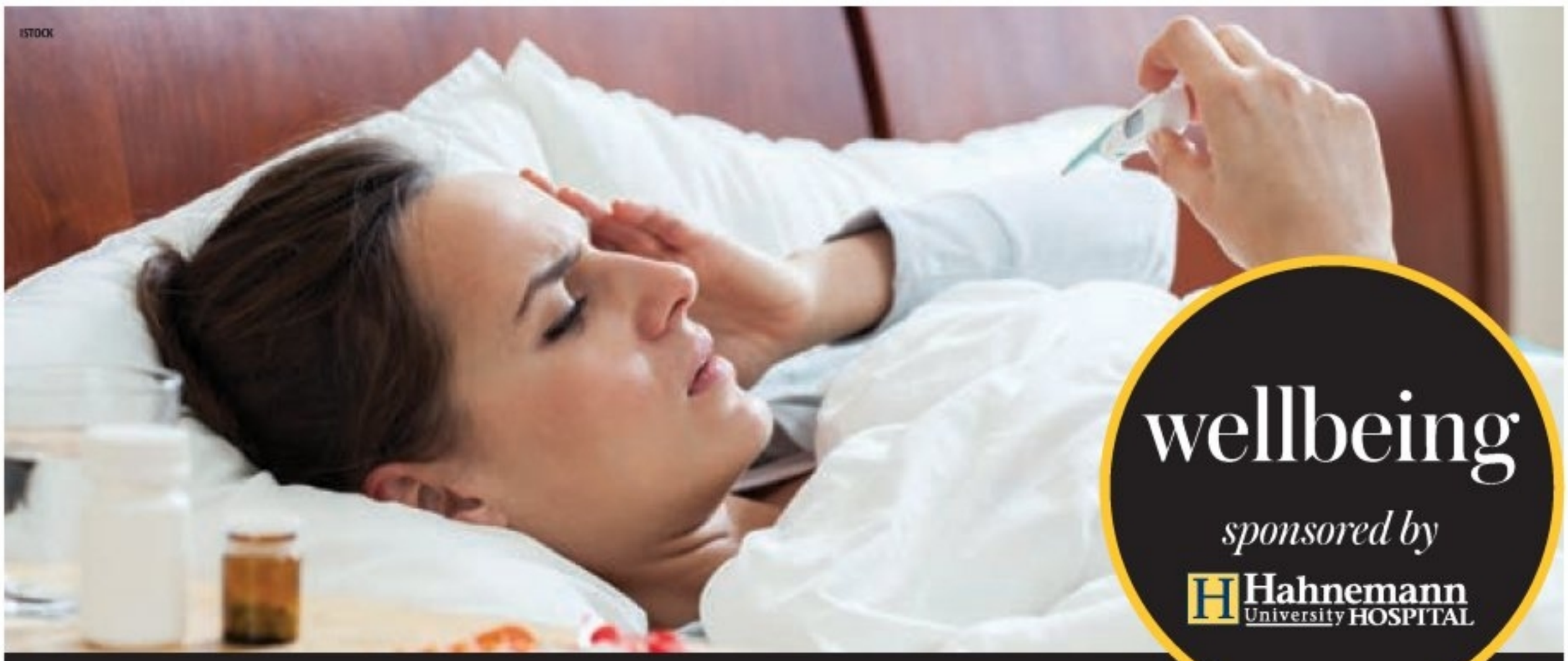

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Why you need a flu shot — now

Yes, you need to get one (and no, it won't make you sick.)

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Everyone is getting sick, but the good news is that it's probably not the flu — yet.

Although flu season officially began in August, the peak doesn't arrive until late December. But doctors recommend getting a flu shot by the beginning of October, because that's how you enjoy Christmas morning instead of being miserable from nausea and aches.

"It takes some time to build an immune response," explains Dr. Jasper Schmidt, who works with the on-demand healthcare app Pager, which brings medical services like flu shots to you. "You want to do it before it's too late, before the flu's already torn through a city, but not so early that the effect of the vaccine is wearing off."

Unlike other vaccines, the flu shot remains an annual ritual because of the incredible adaptability of the virus to mutate and even incorporate the DNA of other viruses into itself. It migrates up from the Southern Hemisphere then back again, always peaking during cold weather season. The flu shot is developed by tracking which strains of the virus emerge in each region to guide which strains are included in that year's vaccines.

You may remember that last year, their predictions didn't pan out: The vaccine was estimated by the Centers for Disease Control to be only 23 percent effective. Since data on effectiveness began to be tracked in 2004, the success rate has been anywhere from 10 to 60 percent.

Even if the shot doesn't protect you directly from that year's strain, each time you get one, it helps "teach" your body what to look for. "Getting yearly flu vaccines over time may even prepare you for a wider variety of flu strains in the future," he explains.

It's recommended that everyone over the age of six months get a flu shot. And no, it won't make you sick: The virus in the vaccine is dead. Any symptom you develop after getting the shot is just your body mounting a similar immune response as it would to a live virus, but infinitely less severe than the real thing, according to Schmidt.

"All vaccines do the same thing: They trigger an inflammatory response — it's your body making a lot of white blood cells," which release the chemicals that give you fever and body aches, he explains. "Your body thinks it's being attacked, but there is no infection."

Getting vaccinated early means a less intense flu season for everyone, including protecting those who can't get a flu shot because they're too young or their immune systems are too weak.

Besides this annual ritual, the most important piece of advice to avoid getting sick is still to be diligent about proper handwashing. And there's one more way you can avoid becoming a statistic.

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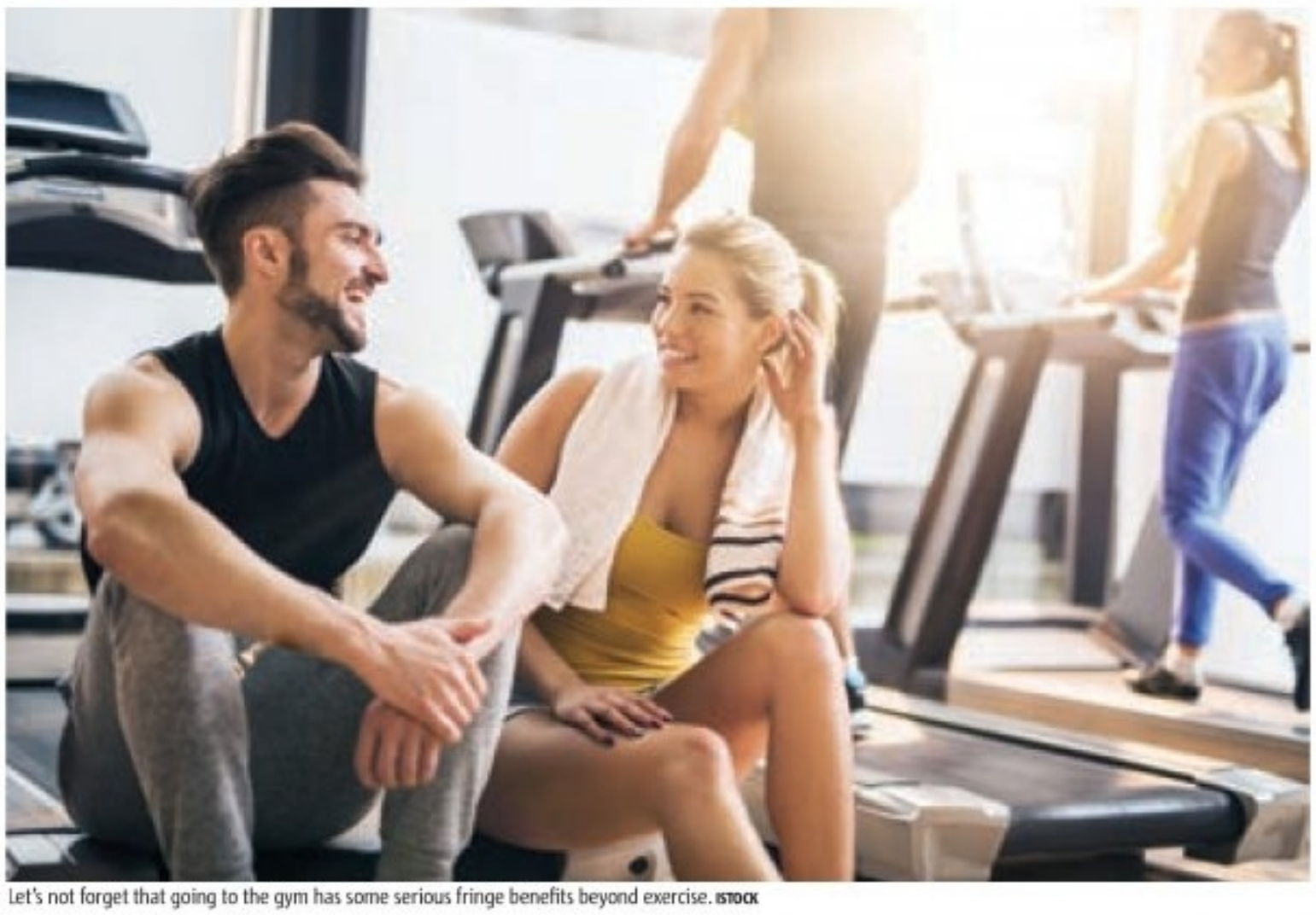

Let's not forget that going to the gym has some serious fringe benefits beyond exercise. ISTOCK

What this new discovery could mean for your sweat sessions.

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"Exercise produces an extremely complex, cascading set of responses within human muscle."
Dr. Nolan Hoffman

Weight loss without the workout is the dream, and a new pill claims to do just that.

University of Sydney researchers discovered the exercise "blueprint" for mimicking, through drugs, the approximately 1,000 molecular changes that occur in the body during physical activity.

"Exercise produces an extremely complex, cascading set of responses within human muscle. It plays an essential role in controlling energy metabolism and insulin sensitivity," explains co-author Dr. Nolan Hoffman. "While scientists have long suspected that exercise causes a complicated series of changes to human muscle, this is the first time we have been able to map exactly what happens."

The study involved examining muscle biopsies from four untrained, healthy men who had just done 10 minutes of high-intensity exercise. Using a technique called mass spectrometry, they discovered that short, intense exercise triggers more than 1,000 changes — the majority of which had not previously been associated with exercise.

"Exercise is the most powerful therapy for many human diseases, including Type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular disease and neurological disorders," says Dr. David James, head of the research group. "However, for many people, exercise isn't a viable treatment option. This means it is essential we find ways of developing drugs that mimic the benefits of exercise."

The one bit of bad news is that the drug's development could take well over a decade, so for now, you best get back to working up a sweat.

HIV breakthrough could end daily treatments

The daily pill regimen to manage HIV could be over.

An experimental treatment developed jointly by teams at two universities managed to completely eliminate HIV in immune cells — and kept it from coming back for much longer than before.

Researchers led by Dr. Howard E. Gendelman at the University of Nebraska took protease inhibitors, a commonly prescribed antiviral, crystallizing and wrapping them in a protective cocoon of protein and fat to keep the liver and kidneys from breaking them down.

The "nanoformulated" antiviral was then combined with a new drug called URMC-099, formulated in the lab of Dr. Harris A. Gelbard at the University of Rochester, which boosted the concentration of the antiviral in immune cells and slowed the rate at which it was eliminated.

"The chemical marriage between URMC-099 and antiretroviral drug nanoformulations could increase drug longevity, improve patient compliance and reduce general toxicities," said Gendelman in a statement.

The tests were carried out on mice whose immune systems had been genetically modified to work like that of humans. Clinical trials have not yet begun, but the researchers expect to start them "in the not too distant future." EVA KIS

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Former Phillies seeking World Series rings

Three more former Phils — Chase Utley, Jimmy Rollins and Cole Hamels — made their playoff exit last week.

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Jimmy Rollins and Chase Utley had to feel good about their chances against the New York Mets in the NLDS with Clayton Kershaw and Zack Greinke able to pitch four out of the five games. The Cy Young Award winners did just that but the Dodgers failed to beat the Mets.

When Cole Hamels exited game 5 of the ALDS with a lead against the Toronto Blue Jays in the seventh inning, it appeared that the Rangers were a good bet for the ALCS but it all went awry thanks to some incredibly bad fielding.

The former Phillies stars are heading to the golf course now, just like their ex-teammates as the playoffs slip into another gear.

However, there are some Phillies, who are hoping to reach baseball's biggest stage, the World Series. Ben Revere and Toronto are facing Ryan Madson and the Kansas City Royals in the ALCS.

Revere, 27, hit .319 with a .734 OPS, both career highs, in his half-season with the Jays. Revere has also played an outstanding left field for Toronto.

"Madson is a great story. Who would have ever thought that he would come back?"

An American League scout

"Revere is a guy that can excel as a cog in the wheel," an AL executive said. "He's not going to be the straw that stirs the drink, but he's a good little player, who helped Toronto win the AL East. He's a heck of a player."

Ryan Madson is finally back where he wants to be, pitching in late innings for a World Series contender. GETTY IMAGES

And then there is Madson, who appeared finished after Tommy John surgery and other arm ailments over recent years. Prior to the 2015 season, Madson threw his last major league pitch during the 2011 NLDS when the Phillies lost to the St. Louis Cardinals. But Mad Dog persevered and made it back. Not only did he post a sterling 2.13 ERA and a .963 WHIP for the Royals this season, there was Madson pitching in a familiar spot, in the eighth inning of Game 1 of the ALCS. Madson, 35, is once again hitting 95 on the radar gun and enjoying success.

If it weren't for Alex Rodriguez, perhaps Madson would win the AL Comeback of the Year award. But Madson is playing for something more significant: another World Series ring.

There's nothing like meaningful October baseball. Rollins' 2015 run with the Dodgers has come to an end but he still looks back fondly at when Citizens Bank Park rocked when the leaves fell.

"It was amazing," Rollins said. "There was nothing like it. I'll never forget the fans' support and just how loud they got. I have a lot of incredible memories. It was unlike anything I ever experienced. But looking at the Phillies and the young players they have, maybe they'll be back in the playoffs sooner than later."

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Nationally ranked Owls have new mentality, expect to win

Jahad Thomas has emerged as a versatile and reliable running back as the Owls continue their winning ways.

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Running back Jahad Thomas, along with cornerback Sean Chandler, appeared on the AAC's honor roll this week. GETTY IMAGES

Not that long ago Temple, now nationally ranked for the first time since January 1980, would've found a way to lose this one, rather than coming from behind in the fourth quarter Saturday night to beat winless Central Florida, 30-16.

And it wasn't as if they didn't try, gift-wrapping four turnovers — including a pick-six — into 10 points to a UCF team that managed just 134 net yards.

But somehow Temple managed to overcome all that to run its record to 6-0 for the first time since Wayne Hardin's Owls did it in 1974. Exactly where that mentality changed for Matt Rhule's Owls, no one's quite sure.

Rhule, who kept insisting they were making strides even while going 2-10 in 2013, points to a 41-21 season-finale win at Memphis. Senior linebacker Tyler Matakevich, who moved past 400 career tackles in the first quarter, remembers the last time UCF was here, when star quarterback Blake Bortles rallied the Bulls to a 39-36 victory.

Temple now expects to win, having already pulled off a Week 3 miracle at UMass and built from there.

"I wasn't concerned at all," insisted Jahad Thomas, who rumbled for 123 of his career high 199 yards along with two pivotal touchdowns in the fourth to erase a 16-14 deficit. "We have a mentality of 'What's next?' so no one was worried about us being down.

"I think that mentality has always been here, but we weren't able to finish certain games we wanted to last year or the previous year. I think the maturity coming from the group of seniors and great leaders we have coming into this year changed the program."

Thomas has now amassed 756 yards on 145 carries and 10 scores for the season, along with touchdowns receiving and on a kickoff return.

Not bad for a guy who was playing defense until last season and didn't emerge as the focal point of the offense until this year.

"We knew in the spring that he was taking another step," said Rhule, after Thomas gained nearly as many yards coming out of the backfield as a receiver last year (364) than on the ground (80 carries for 384 yards but no touchdowns). "I don't think we realized how physical he would run the ball. We thought he was more of a scat-back guy who would catch screen passes. He's surprising everyone."

Not his teammates.

"I just put the ball in his hands and he has the ability to make people miss." said quarterback P.J. Walker, who shook off that killer interception to finish 15 for 27 for 149 yards and a touchdown, while being on the receiving end of a two-point conversion pass from John Christopher. "Today was his day. He just goes out there and does his thing."

As a kid, Thomas says he admired Reggie Bush and for a while used to try to model his game after him.

"That was the style I wanted to be as a runner," admitted Thomas, who won't have much time to rest his body with Temple traveling to East Carolina Thursday. "I loved seeing how shifty he was, how he made quick decisions and could make people miss. That was somebody I really looked up to and wanted to copy. But as you get older you know you have to pick your spots. You can't make exotic cuts all the time."

Thomas and the Owls have taken command in the AAC East and can virtually lock up the division win a win at 4-3 East Carolina.

Then it's the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame on Halloween at the Linc, a game that's already sold out. But having been down for so long, the last thing these Owls will do is start looking ahead.

"UMass was definitely a wake-up call," said Thomas, whose club has outscored the opposition 116-29 since pulling out a 25-23 last second win in Amherst "We know that everyone's going to come and give us their best, because of the success that we've had.

"We have a target on our back. Being in those situations and just knowing we will and can pull through helps us as we continue our season."

A season where winning for nationally ranked Temple has finally become the expectation.

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Temple to host Notre Dame in prime time next week

The Owls home game against No. 11 Notre Dame on Oct. 31 is no longer at a time to be announced.

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The game is the first nationally broadcast and first ABC Saturday Night Football Game in the American Athletic Conference's history.

"This is tremendous exposure for our Temple football program and it is well-deserved recognition for the job Matt Rhule has done with this team," Temple University Director of Athletics Dr. Patrick Kraft said. "We look forward to having the rest of the country see Temple football play against an elite program like Notre Dame on a national stage."

Last week, Temple revealed it was the first time in team history that the Owls have sold out multiple games (they also sold out Week 1 vs. Penn State).

The 6-0 Owls will have some extra time to rest before facing the Fighting Irish, as they will play East Carolina on short rest this week.

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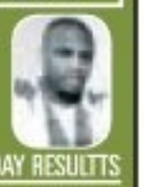

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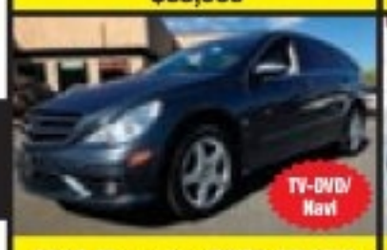

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